

Dear FCC People:

I am concerned and disappointed to hear that you are considering repealing the rules that prohibit a media company from owning both a newspaper and a TV station in the same geographic area. The consolidation of media sources under a limited number of corporations stifles the voices heard in the media, stifles the stories heard in the media, and stifles democracy. You can not have a democracy when the public is not well informed, and the public can not be well informed when all of their information is coming from the same source. Media conglomerates have no interest in providing people with the information they need, they only are interested in selling advertising. The disservice these corporations are doing to this country have been well documented on websites such as www.fair.org and www.projectcensored.org, and I encourage you to check these websites out and educate yourselves about the situation. In particular, I hope you will check out this link:

<http://www.fair.org/media-woes/media-woes.html>

I urge you not to repeal these safeguards against media monopolization, and I also urge you to do more to prevent this ongoing travesty. The situation has become vastly worse in recent years to the point where eleven companies own the overwhelming majority of the mass media (see <http://www.fair.org/media-woes/interlocking-directorates.html>). America can not be a free country if it's citizens can not be informed, and people can not be informed if all of their information comes from the same monopoly. Thank you for listening, and I hope you have the courage to do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Steven Stwalley